

What is Claimed Is:

1. A method for enabling useful data, in particular navigation data, which are stored on a data carrier or transmitted into a data processing system, wherein the data are enabled for an area which is freely selectable by the user of the useful data.
2. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the useful data are enabled for an area within a radius around a freely selectable center point.
3. The method as recited in Claim 1 or 2, wherein the use authorization is transmitted via a radio signal or is present on the data carrier.
4. The method as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein a navigation system is used to determine whether the user is located within the area for which a use authorization has been granted.
5. The method as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein enabling takes place in a time-limited manner.
6. The method as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein the area is not limited to any political boundary.